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Media Advisory

FEINGOLD TO INTRODUCE LEGISLATION SUSPENDING THE TOTAL INFORMATION AWARENESS PROGRAM

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI) will announce the introduction of legislation to suspend data-mining until Congress has completed a thorough review of the Total Information Awareness Program at a press conference on Thursday.

“The untested and controversial intelligence procedure known as data-mining is capable of maintaining extensive files containing both public and private records on each and every American,” Feingold said. “This unchecked system is a dangerous step that threatens one of the values we are fighting for – freedom. The Administration has a heavy burden of proof that such extreme measures are necessary.”

Who: U.S. Senator Russ Feingold (D-WI)
Jim Dempsey, Deputy Director of the Center for Democracy and Technology
David Sobel, General Council, of the Electronic Privacy Information Center

Katie Corrigan, Legislative Council at the ACLU
A Representative from Americans For Tax Reform

What: Press conference to announce the introduction of legislation to suspend the Total Information Awareness Program and data-mining

Where: SC-4 in the Capitol Building

When: Thursday, January 16, 2003 at 11:15 A.M.

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